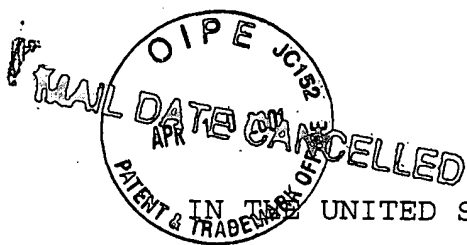


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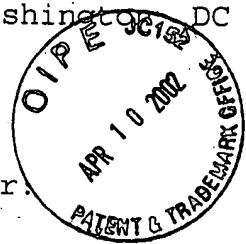


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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. English language abstracts of the cited non-English references are enclosed. Please also note that EP 797 107 is the English language counterpart of Japanese Patent Publication No. 9-252242.

Also enclosed are copied of US Patent Application Nos. 09/773,669 filed February 2, 2001 and 10/055,033 filed January 25, 2002. Since there is no convenient location on the PTO Form 1449 to list this application for consideration by the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate their review of this application in the written text of the office action.

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